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Battlefield Airmen (BA)



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Overview

- **Defining Battlefield Airmen**
- **BA Components**
- **What they do**
- **Where we are going**
- **Questions**



Defining Battlefield Airmen

- **Air Force combat specialties that operate outside the airbase perimeter to directly assist, control, and enable Aerospace (AFDD1-1) Functions in the forward and deep battlespace**
- **Battlefield Airmen are the approximately 2500 airmen that operate on the ground in the forward and deep battlespace to directly apply/enable the effects of airpower. They support Global Strike and Global Persistent Attack, and Global Mobility by performing Reconnaissance, Recovery and Terminal Control**



BA Components

Includes Total Force: Active Duty / Guard / Reserve

Combat Controllers (CCT) & Special Tactics Officers (STO)

Tactical Air Control Party (TACP)

4 Enlisted, 3 Officer AFSCs

Pararescue Jumpers (PJ) & Combat Rescue Officers (CRO)

Battlefield Weather Teams (BWT)

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BA Functions and Capabilities

- **Battlefield Airmen are the tactical implementation of “airpower controlled by airmen on the ground”**
 - **Airpower Controllers**
 - Tactical Air Control Party (TACP)
 - Combat Controllers (CCT) / Special tactics Officer (STO)
 - **Rescue and Recovery**
 - Pararescue (PJ's) / Combat rescue Officer (CRO)
 - Combat Controllers (CCT) / Special tactics Officer (STO)
 - **Reconnaissance**
 - Combat Weather
 - Combat Controllers (CCT) / Special tactics Officer (STO)



Air Power Controllers Fire Support



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Air Power Controllers ATC





Rescue and Recovery Medical



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Rescue and Recovery Personnel Recovery



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Reconnaissance WX / Objective

Recon

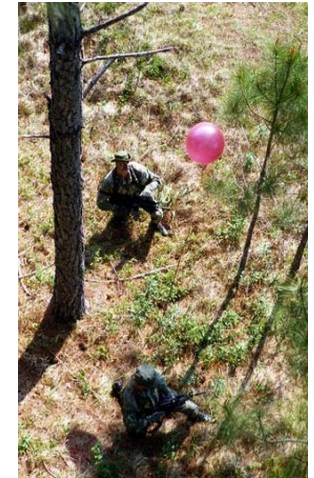


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Future of BA Training

tactical Communications Air/Ground Operations Assault Zone Operations Weather Observation



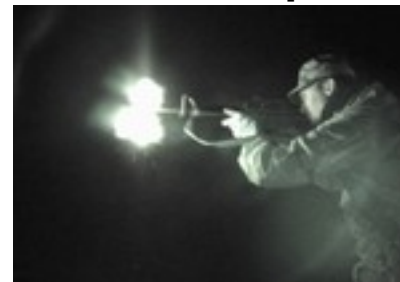
Urban Operations



Advanced Combat Tactics



Advanced Weapons



Tactical Infil / Exfil



Combat Lifesaver



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Physical Conditioning



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Future of BA Equipment

- **SECAF and CSAF direction to Improve and standardize equipment for BA conducting missions in the forward and deep battlespace**
- **Established a BA System Program Office (SPO) designed to satisfy the capability shortfalls and /or capability gaps identified by each of the respective career fields**
- **Equipment Initiatives**
 - **Standard individual equipment (basic field gear)**
 - **Integrated target designators (1 piece of gear, 1/2 the weight)**
 - **Small UAVs (Batcam)**



Questions?

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